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The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I do not understand what the hon. Member means by tabling."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to place on the table of the House the list of urgent works which he just now referred to?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I have no objection to do so."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" With reference to answer (e), may I know whether the Government have considered the question and whether they have come to any decision about the possibility of co-ordinating the various taxes?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government of India have dropped this question in view of the financial position of the provinces."

Resolutions of district boards for the exemption of Depressed Class students from payment of fees in board secondary schools.

* 699 *Q*.—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether several district boards in Andhra Desa and some district boards in the Tamil Nad have passed resolutions recommending exemption from payment of fees to Depressed Class students reading in board secondary schools;

(*b*) whether the Government have sanctioned such exemptions in all those districts; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 413 at the meeting held on the 8th November 1933. The matter is still under consideration.

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" When the matter is finally considered and orders passed, may I know whether the orders will be communicated to the persons affected?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The decision of the Government will be published for the information of the public."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I ask what the difficulty of the Government is in sanctioning such exemptions and what points are under consideration?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" As far as the Government are concerned, there is no difficulty at all; nor is it a question of want of sympathy for the Depressed Classes. There is no objection to local boards giving these concessions within reasonable limits. What Government feel is, that in the interest of the Depressed Classes themselves, it is necessary and desirable to what communities such concessions should be given; local bodies have been addressed on this point; replies have been received from some local bodies, while some of them have dropped the question."

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Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" How long will this point be under consideration?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" We have addressed the local bodies; replies have only recently been received."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Government do not have a list in which the various communities coming under the Depressed Classes are included?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" When the local bodies pass resolutions, some local bodies say that concessions should be given to depressed classes, some say Harijans, some say backward communities; so we want definite information."

Progress of the work connected with the diversion of the Madras-Calicut Trund Road from Thoppur to Bhavani via Mettur.

* 700 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the work of diversion of the Madras-Calicut Trunk Road from Thoppur to Bhavani via Mettur is;

(*b*) when it is likely to be completed and opened for traffic; and

(*c*) what the capital expenditure to be incurred is in making this new diversion?

A.—The proposal to divert the Madras-Calicut Trunk Road from Thoppur to Bhavani via Mettur has been dropped.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I ask whether there are any special reasons—apart from financial stringency—for dropping the proposal?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I do not think it is mainly financial. I think the reasons given for making a change are not convincing; the existing route has been found to be quite satisfactory."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" Is it not a fact that this proposal came from responsible authorities before it was considered by the Government?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" It makes no difference, Sir, from what authority it first came."

Medical Administration

Appointment of medical practitioners with L.M.P. qualifications, as honorary assistant surgeons.

* 701 *Q.*—Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any L.M.P. practitioner was appointed as an honorary assistant surgeon straight, and whether any honorary clinical assistants of L.M.P. qualifications have been made honorary assistant surgeons so far?